Solihull Amnesty International Group

Minutes of Meeting Monday 18 May 2015

Present. Cathy, Janet, Pauline, Bernard, Ruth Apologies. Celia, David

Guest - Welcome to Joanne.

2. Future Events –

- Wythall Group is hosting a Stop Torture Workshop on 11/06/15 at Wythall Community Club, Wythall House, Silver Street
- Annual Amnestea at Celia's confirmed as Sunday 23/08/15
- Stall at Fun in the Park on Sunday 20/09/15
- Bournville Al Group is organising a march in Birmingham City Centre in support of Stop Torture campaign on Friday 26/06/15. There will be a meeting on Thurs 21/05 to confirm arrangements.

3. Secretary's Items.

Monthly Action: Send a postcard to the family of Mahdi Abu Dheeb, Bahrein. Address and details on Al website .

4. Campaign Reports.

Johan Teterissa. Janet reported that letters can be sent directly to Johan Teterissa. Continue with rota.

Sombath Somphome. David asked that we continue to follow rota

- 5. **Discussion** there was an interesting and informative discussion on ISIS and the current wars in the Middle east. We all agreed that the individual research done and the information shared in the discussion was worthwhile and informative.
- 6. **AOB** Cathy pointed out that AI are campaigning against the Governments' plans to replace the Human Rights Act by a Bill Of Rights. There was a short discussion which again made everyone aware that we are not fully conversant with the facts. It was agreed that we should research this and discuss at the next meeting.